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Virginia Recreational Fishing Advisory Board (RFAB)

C/O Ms. Sonya Davis

Virginia Marine Resource Commission (VMRC)

2600 Washington Avenue, Third Floor

Newport News, Virginia 23607

RE: Buckroe Beach Saltwater Fishing Pier Public Access Project

Dear Ms. Davis,

Virginia Coastal Access Now (VCAN), our members, and the angling community support the Board and their continued efforts to improve public access to Virginia's coast.

VCAN supports the City of Hampton's effort to build the new Buckroe Beach Saltwater Fishing Pier. This public access improvement project significantly increases the public's opportunity to participate in outdoor activities on the Peninsula and the appreciation of Virginia's coastal environment.

The Buckroe Beach pier project will provide public access on the Peninsula essentially where none exists for land based saltwater fishing especially for handicapped anglers and members of the public with disabilities. Therefore, we recommend RFAB approval of the City of Hampton's requested project funding as a partnership with the VMRC to benefit Virginia saltwater recreational fishing license holders and the general public.

Our non-profit thanks the RFAB and the VMRC for their continued efforts to improve public access and the protection of Virginia's coast through the creation and support of beneficial public access and environmental improvement projects.

Sincerely,

Darrell Parker, Director
Virginia Coastal Access Now